

9 node unaffiliated with the server as an [informational] aid in determining [the] a best then available
10 space [or seating or time] conforming to a need of [that] the end-user[s] [definition for any activity
11 or event];

12 (c) providing [through said device connected to said] over the wide area network to
13 [any] the end user the capability of interactively selecting one of a time, a space, and a seat [or
14 seating] of [his] choice;

15 (d) [providing through said device connected to said] accepting over the wide area
16 network [to any] from the end user [the] [capability of paying] a payment for one of [for] the time,
17 [or] the space, [or] and the [seating] seat selection of [his] choice;

18 (e) returning [through said device connected to said] over the wide area network to
19 [any] the end user verification of the successful completion of [his transaction such acting as a
20 ticket or tickets or voucher for exchange for a ticket or tickets or confirmation upon arrival at the
21 physical location of the activity or event for which space or time or ticketing was secured] the
22 payment.

1 2. (Amended) The method described in claim 1 wherein the space, [or] the time,
2 [or] and seat [or seating] sought is for a theater or theater type setting.

1 3. (Amended) The method described in claim 1 wherein the space, [or] the time,
2 [or] and the seat [or seating] sought is for a stadium [or other such] type setting.

1 6. (Amended) The method described in claim 1 wherein [the] a communication
2 connection between the information server and the end user [is] includes one of a wire, [or] a
3 cable, [or] and a telephone line connection.

1 11. (Amended) The method described in claim 1 wherein [the] a communication
2 connection between the information server and the end user [is] includes a satellite link.

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1 16. (Amended) The method described in claim 1 wherein [the] a communication
2 connection between the information server and the end user[is] includes a wireless link.

Please add the following new claims:

1 --24. A method comprising:
2 receiving at a server a request for a venue from at least one client node remote from and
3 unaffiliated with the server;
4 transmitting from the server an indication of specific availability responsive to the request,
5 the indication of specific availability directed to the client node;
6 receiving a specific indication of a client preference at the server;
7 removing the client preference from any future indication of specific availability.--

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1 --25. The method of claim 24, wherein the specific availability includes seating, further
2 comprising:

3 retrieving from a database an image showing a view from a seat indicated by the client
4 preference;
5 transmitting the image to the client.--

1 --26. The method of claim 24, wherein the indication of specific availability includes a
2 graphical representation of at least a portion of a seating chart for the venue, and wherein the
3 graphical representation shows availability seats in a first representation and previously sold seats
4 in a second representation.--

1 --27. The method of claim 24, wherein the indication of the specific availability is
2 transmitted as one of a hypertext markup language page and a java applet.--

1 --28. The method of claim 26 further comprising:

2 linking the representation of a seat to an image of a view from that seat.--

1 --29. The method of claim 24 further comprising:

2 accepting payment information at the server sufficient to permit access to the specific client
3 preference;

4 conducting an electronic payment transaction; and

5 providing an electronic receipt.--

1 --30. A method comprising:

2 requesting information about a venue across a wide area network (WAN) from a client

3 node to be supplied by an unaffiliated server node;

4 receiving an indication of specific availability at the client node;

5 selecting from a plurality of specific availability options a specific client preference; and

6 receiving an indication that the specific client preference has been reserved through the

7 server node.--

1 --31. The method of claim 30 wherein the indication of specific availability includes a

2 graphical representation of at least a portion of a seating chart for the venue, and wherein the

3 graphical representation shows available seats in a first representation and previously sold seats in

4 a second representation.--

1 --32. The method of claim 31 wherein selecting comprises:

2 clicking on a desired seat.--

1 --33. The method of claim 32 further comprising:

2 receiving an image of a view from the desired seat responsive to the clicking.--